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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled APTAMER SELECTION METHOD, the specification of which was filed on September 29, 2005 as Application Serial No. 10/551,452 and was amended on September 29, 2005 and was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/CA2004/000482 filed on March 31, 2004.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e)(1) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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